

**Robert Stewart to George Washington, November 21,  
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**FROM ROBERT STEWART ESQ.<sup>1</sup>**

WINCHESTER 21st. Novemr. 1755

SIR

I arriv'd here last night where I found Colo. Stephen, Mr. Boyd & Mr. Gordon, and as the latter returns immediately to Fort Cumberland, Colo. Stephen thinks it unnecessary to send any Express; I by Mr. Gordon send for Sergt. Hughes and a return of the Troop, which when recd. will transmit per first oppy. or by Express if any other Papers should e'er then come to hand, there's no Letters but those herewith sent by Colo. Stephen—I'm inform'd that there's no less than six Light Horsemen Deserted & one Dead. The late incursions of the Enemy have struck so great a Panic into the generality of the people in this neighbourhood that I'm afraid it will be very arduous, if not impracticable to Recruit here. All your orders will be punctually obey'd by him who is

With due Respect Sir Your Most Obt. hble servt. ROBERT STEWART.

<sup>1</sup> Captain Robert Stewart, afterwards promoted major, was engaged in the action on the Monongahela, and in August, 1755, was voted by the Virginia Assembly thanks and a gratuity of £100 for his gallant behaviour.—BROCK.